

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed July 9, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Abstract Objections

The abstract of the disclosure has been objected to because it contains improper language. Through this Response, all such legal language has been removed. In view of that amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 15-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter.

In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 15 to recite a “computer-readable medium”. Applicant respectfully submits that remaining claims 15, 16, and 18-28 are now directed to statutory subject matter as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 101 (e.g., a “manufacture”) and therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 15-17, 19, 20, 25, 26, and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Roztocil, et al.* (“Roztocil,” U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0044868).

As indicated above, each remaining independent claim has been amended through this Response. In view of the amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Regarding the merits of independent claims 1 and 15, Roztocil does not teach creating a press ready file “at the designer location” that includes a print job and a job ticket. First, Roztocil discloses creation of a press ready file at a printer service provider location, not a separate designer location. Second, Roztocil does not teach a file that includes both a print job and a job ticket.

Furthermore, Roztocil does not teach “an automated preflight module” that performs an “automated preflight check of said press ready file at the designer location.” Roztocil’s methods are practiced at a print service provider location and are not “automated”.

Additionally, Roztocil does not teach an automated preflight check that comprises “automatically reviewing characteristics of said print job and said job ticket and comparing them to characteristics of the selected production devices of the print service provider location and automatically identifying any errors”

Moreover, Roztocil does not teach an automated preflight module further “automatically correcting errors identified in said print job or said job ticket at the designer location”.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Roztocil does not anticipate claims 1 and 15 or their dependents.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. Rejection of Claims 4, 9, 18, and 23

Claims 4, 9, 18, and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roztocil in view of *Crandall, et al.* ("Crandall," U.S. Pat. No. 5,963,641). Applicant respectfully traverses.

As identified above, Roztocil does not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that Crandall does not remedy the deficiencies of the Roztocil reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 9, 18, and 23 are allowable over the Roztocil/Crandall combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 15 are allowable over Roztocil.

B. Rejection of Claims 7 and 21

Claims 7 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Roztocil* in view of *Gorp, et al.* ("Gorp," U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0252319). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As identified above, Roztocil does not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that Gorp does not remedy the deficiencies of the Roztocil reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7 and 21 are allowable over the Roztocil/Gorp combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 15 are allowable over Roztocil.

C. Rejection of Claims 8 and 22

Claims 8 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Roztocil* in view of *Tibbs, et al.* ("Tibbs," U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0010689). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As identified above, Roztocil does not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that Tibbs does not remedy the deficiencies of the Roztocil reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8 and 22 are allowable over the Roztocil/Tibbs combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 15 are allowable over Roztocil.

D. Rejection of Claims 10 and 24

Claims 10 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Roztocil* in view of *Smith* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,441,920). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As identified above, Roztocil does not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that Smith does not remedy the deficiencies of the Roztocil reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10 and 24 are allowable over the Roztocil/Smith combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 15 are allowable over Roztocil.

E. Rejection of Claims 13, 14, 27, and 28

Claims 13, 14, 27, and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Roztocil* in view of *Stewart, et al.* ("Stewart," U.S. Pat. No. 6,714,964). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As identified above, Roztocil does not teach several aspects of Applicant's claims. In that Stewart does not remedy the deficiencies of the Roztocil reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 13, 14, 27, and 28 are allowable over the Roztocil/Stewart combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 15 are allowable over Roztocil.

V. Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 4-15, and 18-29 have been provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable in view of claims 1-8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19-26, 29, 31, 33, 35, and 37 of U.S. Application No. 10/635,530 ("the '530 application").

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's preliminary identification of a possible double-patenting issue. Given that the claims of both patent applications may change during their respective prosecutions, Applicant opts to take no action relative to the provisional double patenting rejection at this time. If and when the cited patent application is indicated as being in condition for allowance, Applicant will address the double-patenting rejection, assuming it is still pending.

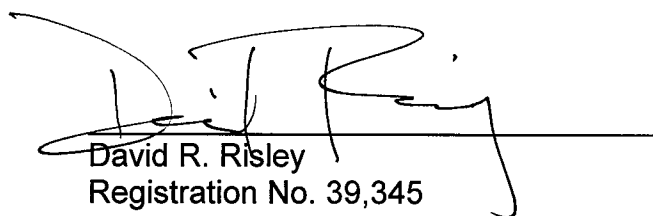
VI. Canceled Claims

Claims 3 and 17 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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